

chemical weapons should be achieved as soon as possible by the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Achieving security at the lowest possible level of forces, including conventional forces, through balanced, equitable and verifiable agreements on concrete measures for halting the arms race, for disarmament under appropriate international control, and for confidence-building remains a firm goal of both Romania and for Canada.

As these questions are of concern to the world community, it is necessary that, in particular, the countries participating in the Warsaw Treaty and those members of the North Atlantic Treaty, should seek to broaden this dialogue both in a bilateral context, and in existing international forums available for this purpose. The two sides stressed the importance of achieving early concrete results at the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, and at the negotiations in Vienna.

The President of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Prime Minister of Canada and their delegations had an exchange of views on the principal questions of peace and security in Europe and the world, and the achievement of disarmament, and, first of all, nuclear disarmament. They agreed that no effort should be spared to develop constructive proposals and initiatives that hold forth realistic prospects of strengthening peace and security, advancing the cause of disarmament, and promoting international understanding and cooperation.

The two sides expressed their determination to contribute to the full implementation of all provisions of the Helsinki Final Act. In this context, they stressed the need for all participants to cooperate in order to achieve positive results in all CSCE meetings to be held in accordance with the Concluding Document of the Madrid meeting, including the CSCE Experts Meeting on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Ottawa.

Romania and Canada believe that, under the present international circumstances, it is vital that all states refrain from the threat or the use of force, and settle all disputes that arise among them by peaceful means.

Proceeding to an exchange of views regarding the situation in the Middle East, the two sides stood for a political solution to the conflict, for recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and for ensuring the independence and sovereignty of all states in that area, including Israel.